(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha;

(c) Casual news readers/Newsreader-cum-Translators are engaged on assignment basis only, as per the exigencies of the service.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) None of them is engaged on contract basis.

(f) and (g) An Association representing the All India Radio News-Casters has raised various demands from time to time and such demands are examined on a continu ous basis in the light of relevant instruc tions of the Government on the subject

Commissionng of New Television Trans-mitters

1509. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there i» any proposal to commission new Television (Doordarshan) Low Power and High Power Transmitters during the Eight Five Year Plas;

(b) if so, what is the amount allocated for each of the proposed Doordarshan Kendras;

(c) whether Government have selected the centres where these TV Transmitters are to be set up;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) Doordarshan's VIII Plan outlay, inter-alia, includes a provision of Rs. 718.98 crores for transmission facilities. The details of transmitters/transpoSers presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the States/Union Territories of the country are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of TV Transmitters Under Implementation/Envisaged to he Set Up In the States/UTs'

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	HPTs	LPTs	VLPTs	Trans-posers
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	28	4	—
2	Arunachal Pradesh	—	1	5	—
3	Assam	1	7	1	—
4	Bihar	2	12	1	—
5	Goa	—	—	—	—
6	Gujarat	4	18	—	—
7	Haryana	1	2	—	—
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	13	7	—
9	Jammu & Kashmir	3	4	9	1
10	Karnataka	3	13	1	—
11	Kerala	2	3	2	—
12	Madhya Pradesh	3	16	4	—
13	Maharashtra	3	15	5	—
14	Manipur	1	—	2	—
15	Meghalaya	1	1	1	—
16	Mizoram	1	1	1	—
17	Nagaland	1	—	2	—

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Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	HPTs	LPTs	VLPTs	Trans-posers
18	Orissa	1	27	2	—
19	Punjab	1	—	—	—
20	Rajasthan	7	21	10	—
21	Sikkim	1	—	3	—
22	Tamil Ndau	3	11	4	—
23	Tripura	—	1	1	—
24	Uttar Pradesh	5	19	10	—
25	West Bengal	3	4	—	1
26	A & N Islands	—	—	4	—
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	1	—	—
28	Pondicherry	1	1	—	—

HPT : High Power Transmitter; LPT : Low Power Transmitter; VLPT: Very Low Power Transmitter.

New Policy on Tele-Transmission

1510. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Wfll the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new policy on the transmission particularly for Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to extend the benefits of relay transmissions of the Metro Channels to these States particularly in the tribal and backward areas;

(d) if so, the steps/measures taken to provide the Doordarshan transmission in the entire country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, terrestrial transmitters for relay of Metro Channel programmes are, at present, functioning at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow. Besides, similar facilities are being envisaged *to* be set up at Trivan-drum, Jaipur, Cuttack, Bhopal, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Patna.

There is no proposal, at present, to set up terrestrial transmitter for relay of Metro Channel progammes in any other part of the country.

With a view to further strengthen TV services in the country, a number of TV transmitters are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in various States/Union Territories including the Stales of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa.

More Time for Regional Language Pro. grammes

1511. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new channels that have been introduced by Doordarshan;

(b) the total time allotted for programmes in Hindi in all the channels;

(c) the total time allotted for different Indian Languages in all the T.V. Channels; and

(d) what are the proposals to allot more time in all the channels for the regional language programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND